Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 14 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023 at 04:36 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Wednesday 13 Dec 2023: Mainly dry and bright during daylight hours but some light snow possible at first.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 13 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					
Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	20%

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Weather: Rather cloudy at first with scattered snow showers, rain below 600m, but becoming mainly dry with clearing skies around Creag Meagaidh and the west by dawn. Any lower cloud around the Cairngorm Plateau will clear to leave the day mainly dry and bright with some weak winter sunshine. Some rain and snow nudging in the west by late evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% increasing 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud early morning, base 600 to 900m, lifting and clearing during the morning, returning late evening. Visibility mostly good, but moderate to poor in early and late rain, snow and low cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/21 E	9/11 SE	6/8 SE	12/16 S	24/31 S	35/45 S	41/53 S
900	13/15 E	6/7 SE	4/5 S	13/16 S	23/29 S	34/43 S	40/49 S
600	6/7 E	3/4 W	2/3 SW	6/8 SE	18/26 S	27/38 S	29/42 S
300	2/4 NE	3/7 NE	2/4 S	4/10 SW	7/19 S	10/26 S	15/34 S
Glen	2/6 N	3/5 N	3/6 S	5/15 SW	6/20 SW	8/26 SW	8/28 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-11	-4/-9	-5/-10	-6/-12	-5/-14	-5/-16	-5/-16
900	-1/-6	-1/-4	-1/-3	-1/-6	-0/-7	0/-8	0/-8
600	1/-2	1/-1	0/-1	1/-2	1/-4	1/-6	2/-5
300	2/1	2/0	2/1	1/-1	1/-3	1/-4	3/-2
Glen	2/1	1/1	2/2	2/-1	1/-3	2/-4	2/-3
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	600m	500m	500m	400m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note strengthening winds during the evening.

Forecast for Thursday 14 Dec 2023
Weather: Overnight rain and snow, the snow soon becoming confined to the highest summits. Bright spells and occasional showers during daylight hours, the showers wintry over the highest summits. The odd shower continuing through the evening. Windy with summit gales and significant wind chill.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 30 to 35mph gusts 50mph, but gusts 60mph over the Cairngorm Plateau.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud, base 700 to 1000m. Visibility very good falling moderate to very poor in showers and cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 to 7 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising to Plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Well down at first, but soon rising 1000 to 1200m.

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